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Applicants: HILBUSH et al.	Art Unit: 1655
Serial No.: 09/775,217	
Filed: February 1, 2001	Examiner: Jeffrey Fredman
Title: Simplified Method For Indexing And Determining The Relative Concentration Of Expressed Messenger RNAs	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action dated January 27, 2002, or until March 27, 2002.

The Commissioner of Patents is authorized to charge any amount due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

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